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D) DAKAR 2297 E) LOME 0797 F) CONAKRY 0480 G) BAMAKO 1325

PARIS FOR MELONE

1. US GOVERNMENT REMAINS VERY CONCERNED BY POSSIBILITY OF
RENEWED FIGHTING BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA. RECENT
REPORTS, E.G. REFTEL A, INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL VOLTAN
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MILITARY BUILDUP AND STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR A

MILITARY RESPONSE TO DECEMBER DEFEATS. REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION GIVE NO GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM THAT COMMISSION'S EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. ADDRESSEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO UNDERLINE TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON EVERY APPROPRIATE OCCASION US HOPES THAT MEMBERS OF COMMISSION AND CONTESTING STATES THEMSELVES WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT AVOID RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND OTHER DEPTOFFS MAKING THIS POINT REPEATEDLY IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES INVOLVED.

3. FOR PARIS - WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT QUAI ASSESSMENT OF MEDIATION COMMISSION'S PROGRESS AS WELL AS FRENCH THOUGHTS ON RESUMED HOSTILITIES.

4. FOR CONAKRY AND LOME - WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER RESPONSES TO REFTEL A.

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